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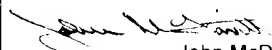
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RE: *U. S. Patent Application Entitled: MODIFIED RETINOBLASTOMA TUMOR  
SUPPRESSOR PROTEINS - Hong-Ji Xu et al. (UTMDACC:506)*

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 258 page patent specification including 43 claims and an abstract. Also included are Formal Drawings for Figures 1-5, which represent 9 drawings on 5 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Hong-Ji Xu, Shi-Xue Hu, William F. Benedict and Yunli Zhou for the captioned application.

Also transmitted herewith is a diskette containing the computer-readable form of those sequences in the specification, a Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), and a separate paper copy of the sequence listing.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventor Declaration and Assignment, a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (d), the Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is

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